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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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) Examiner: V. Kim
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## **AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action dated December 5, 2000, the period for reply having been extended for one month by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Sir:

Without prejudice, disclaimer, or acquiescence in the rejections, please cancel claims 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 50, 51, and 52, and amend claims 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 48 and 49, as follows:

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